(b) how much of it is being exploited by Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh indicating the details thereof, State-wise and the locations where this exploitation is taking place;

(c) whether it is a fact that water of chambal has not been checked any where in the down stream beyond Kota Barrage in Rajasthan and this is going waste;

(d) the scheme for exploitation of this down stream water; if not, by when the same will be formulated; and

(e) whether dacoit problem can be solved by developing the dacoit region of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh using this water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) the State of Madhya Pradesh have two storage projects having live storage capacity of 6842.59 MCM whereas Rajasthan is having six storage projects with live storage capacity of 1543.97 MCM in river Chambal. Thus, there are eight completed storage projects in the two States having live storage capacity of 8386.56 MCM.

Besides, Rajasthan has one major irrigation project (Chambal Irrigation Project), which was completed in 3rd Plan, two major irrigation projects (Pipalda and India Lift Irrigation Projects) under appraisal in CWC awaiting compliances by the State Govt. to the observations of CWC downstream of the Kota Barrage. As a result of these projects downstream of the barrage, two districts namely Kota and Sawai Madhopur are to be benefited. The Chambal Lift is providing Irrigation to CCA of 229.86 Th. Ha. in Kota district whereas, the other two projects are to provide irrigation to Culturable Command Area of 114.15 Th. Ha. in Sawai Madhopur District. Rajasthan is also planning to formulate Dholpur Lift Irrigation Project (Major) in the downstream of the barrage.

Water Resources projects in a region help in the overall development of that region.

Clearance of irrigation schemes/projects in Andhra

1632. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are convening the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee for clearance of Irrigation schemes/projects for the year 2007-08;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes/projects in Andhra Pradesh that would be given clearance in the ensuring meeting and by when these are expected to come into operation; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER OF RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The clearance to project by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources is a continuous process based on project proposal materialized for consideration of TAC. 87th meeting of the TAC was held on 17th November 2006 which accepted Nilwai (Medium) Irrigation project of Andhra Pradesh. Subsequent meeting of the TAC was held on 2nd March 2007 in which 4 projects of Andhra Pradesh namely, Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme (LIS), Gutpha LIS, Alisagar LIS, and Mussurimilli projects were accepted.

Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution, funding as well as priority of execution of project is within purview of State Governments.

Construction of Rajiv Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh

†1633. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajiv Sagar Project, which is under construction in Madhya Pradesh, is an inter-state project of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) whether the project is being delayed as a result to delay in forest related clearance, delay in land acquisition and non provision of its contribution share by the State Government of Maharahstra to Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to complete the project at the earliest under Acceleated Irrigation Benefit Programme?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.